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MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, Security Staff, Office of Special Activities

SUBJECT : John Russell Blandford

REFERENCE : Memo for AAD/OSA from C/SS/OSA, Dated
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1. After receiving your memorandum and before talking to [redacted] I touched base on the phone with [redacted] to see if he felt that by virtue of Mr. Blandford's position the DCI should informally approve an operations briefing of the sort suggested in Paragraph 2 Ref. [redacted] was of the view that the Director should be asked to approve this briefing.

2. I then talked to Dr. Wheelon about it, and he was enthusiastic for such a meeting with Blandford, saying that he felt we could use all the friends we could acquire in Congress in view of our present position vis-a-vis the DOD. I then called [redacted] and told him the substance of my conversations with [redacted] and Dr. Wheelon and suggested that he get in touch with [redacted] to square away the question of approval for the Blandford briefing. I told [redacted] that we would stand fast and await further indications of when the briefing might be scheduled.

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